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TAGS: PINT, UR

SUBJECT: DEATH OF BREZHNEV'S MOTHER

1. CONDOLENCES FROM ALL POLITBURO AND SECRETARIAT  
COLLEAGUES TO BREZHNEV OVER THE DEATH OF HIS MOTHER,  
NATALIYA DENISOVNA, WERE READ AS FIRST ITEM OF  
EVENING TV NEWS PROGRAM ON JANUARY 7 AND PHOTOGRAPH  
SHOWN BRIEFLY. EVENING EDITION OF IZVESTIYA WAS  
DELAYED, APPARENTLY IN ORDER TO INCLUDE ANNOUNCEMENT,  
WHICH WAS REPEATED IN ALL MAJOR SOVIET PAPERS.  
DATE OF DEATH WAS NOT GIVEN, BUT JANUARY 8 FUNERAL  
SUGGESTS THAT IT HAPPENED TWO DAYS PREVIOUSLY.

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2. WESTERN NEWSMAN OBSERVED BREZHNEV'S ZIL AND POLICE ESCORT ENTERING GROUNDS OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES BUILDING AT 1000 TODAY AND WAS TOLD BY POLICEMAN THAT BREZHNEV WAS PRESENT TO SEE MOTHER WHO LAY IN STATE. ANOTHER NEWSMAN OBSERVED ABOUT 20 ZILS AND NUMEROUS DIGNITARIES ENTERING NOVODEVICHYE CEMETERY ABOUT 1315 HOURS FOR FUNERAL.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY ENTIRELY DISCOUNTS BBC AND OTHER WESTERN PRESS SPECULATION THAT POSTPONEMENT OF BREZHNEV'S ME TRIP MAY BE CONNECTED WITH THE DEATH OF HIS MOTHER.

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